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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to a Notice of Missing parts dated June 19, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Notice set a 2 month shortened statutory period for response, making this paper due August 19, 2008. This reply is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The Notice asks for a "Sequence Listing". However, the instant application contains no amino acid sequences. The amino acids mentioned in the application are possible substituents on an optical brightener. For example, while claim 4 recites several amino acids, this is merely a list from which a substituent is selected, e.g., glycine or alanine. The amino acids are used individually as derivitizing agents, not linked together. No sequences are prepared or suggested and therefore there is no need for a Sequence Listing.

Applicants believe this explanation will suffice to clear up any confusion. In the event that misunderstandings remain, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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